

Knowledge Organiser Year 6 Geography: Central and South America

Key Knowledge Facts about South America	
Countries	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela
Area	17.84 million km ² (Over 17 times the size of the UK and the fourth largest continent in size)
Population	Over 400 million
Language	Mainly Portuguese and Spanish
Borders and Seas	South America is bordered by The Pacific Ocean to the west, The Atlantic Ocean to the north and east, North America, Panama and The Caribbean Sea to the northwest
Amazon River	The Amazon river runs through Guyana, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru. The length of the Amazon River is approximately 6400 kilometres (4000 miles)
Amazon rainforest	The Amazon rainforest stretches over 9 countries; it is the world's largest tropical rainforest, famed for its biodiversity
Machu Picchu	Historical settlement located in the Andes in Peru built by the Incas in 1450



Tier 3 Vocabulary	
6 figure grid reference	A set of 3 digits (eastings) and 3 digits (northings) that identify where something is on a map eg 247 182
Latitude and Longitude	Imaginary lines on a map used to describe the location of any place. Latitude lines run east-west direction. Longitude lines run north-south direction.

Key Knowledge Facts about Central America	
Countries	Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama
Area	523,780 km ² (double the size of the UK)
Population	42 million
Language	Spanish is the primary language spoken
Borders and Seas	Central America is bordered by Mexico to the north, Colombia to the southeast, The Caribbean Sea to the east, The Pacific Ocean to the west.
Land use	The land is fertile and rugged, and dominated through its centre by volcanic mountain ranges; which include active and dangerous volcanoes
Central American Volcanic Arc	The Central American Volcanic Arc (often abbreviated to CAVA) is a chain of volcanoes which extends from Guatemala to Panama
Panama Canal	The <i>Panama Canal</i> is an artificial 77 km (48 miles) waterway in Panama that connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean

Things I should already know that are linked with this unit are: hot /cold places, continents (Y12), physical and human features (Y4), North America (Y5), Continents, climate, features (Y6)

This unit will help me at KS3 when I consolidate my knowledge of countries and their human and physical features and understand how human and physical features influence and change landscapes.